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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB227 by Harris (Relating to the perfection of a child support lien on a motor vehicle.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to the perfection of a child support lien on a motor vehicle. The bill revises the vehicle title lien process and amends § 157.322 of the Texas Family Code to provide the release of a vehicle title lien done under the provisions of the Transportation Code. The bill adds § 501.1135 to the Transportation Code setting out the process of delivery of a lien to the Texas Department of Transportation and the issuance of a new certificate of title with the lien noted. The bill establishes the priority and effect of the lien vis-a-vis other liens, and provides that the issuance of a new certificate of title is exempt from fees.

It is expected that any additional work resulting from the passage of this bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resource at the Office of the Attorney General and the Texas Department of Transportation.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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